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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 October 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the passenger side door and driver side door of claims 8 and 17 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. The drawings are objected to because in Figure 3 the uppermost reference number "24" and its corresponding lead line should apparently be deleted since the represented feature is not

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the “wire”. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 9, line 26, “pleats 52” was previously “wire attachment 52” and perhaps “pleats 52” should be “pleats”.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 1-?? are objected to because of the following informalities:

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In claim 1, line 7, "said wire" should perhaps be "said first wire". On lines 17-18, "said wire" should perhaps be "said second wire". On line 18, "said pulleys" should be "said second pair of pulleys". In line 19, "said wire" should be "said second wire". In line 42, "said guide track" should be "said first guide track". In line 43, "said first and said second end" should be "said first and said second ends of said first track cover". In line 44, "said guide track" should be "said first guide track". In line 48, "said guide track" should be "said second guide track". In line 49, "said track cover" should be "said second track cover". In line 49, "said first and said second ends" should perhaps be "said first and said second ends of said second track cover". In line 50, "said guide track" should be "said second guide track".

In claim 4, line 1, "said pulleys" should be "said first pair of pulleys".

In claim 5, line 3, "said pulleys" should be "said second pair of pulleys". In addition, on lines 5 and 6, "said track cover" should be "said second track cover" (both occurrences).

In claim 11, line 2, "first" should be inserted after "rotate said". In line 3, "a" should be inserted before "leading edge".

In claim 16, "a" should be inserted before "point" on line 2.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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6. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitations "said wire" in lines 17-18, "said pulleys" in line 18, "said wire" in line 19, "said guide track" in line 48, "said track cover" in line 49, and "said guide track" in line 50. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "said pulleys" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 5 recites the limitations "said pulleys" in line 3, and "said track cover" in lines 5 and 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 7 recites the limitations "said upper track cover" in line 1, "said lower track cover" in lines 3-4, "said upper track" in line 5, "said lower track cover" in line 5, and "said upper track cover" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 8 recites the limitations "said upper track cover" in lines 1 and 5, and "said lower track cover" in lines 3 and 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 11 recites the limitations "said wire" in lines 2-3, "said sliding attachments" in lines 4-5, and "said upper and said lower tracks" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 12 recites the limitations "said wire" in lines 2-3, "said leading edge" in line 3, "said sliding attachment" in line 5, "said sliding attachments" in line 6, "said trailing edge" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

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Claim 13 recites the limitations "said elongated shaft" in line 22, "said connectors" in lines 33 and 37, and "said rear surface" in lines 59, 63, and 67. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 14 recites the limitation "said motor vehicle" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 19 recites the limitation "said wire" in lines 2-3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 20 recites the limitation "said wire" in lines 2-3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-20 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

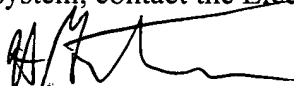
8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hilary Gutman whose telephone number is 571-272-6662.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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